

2024 Missouri Student Survey Howard County



	2024 County Data	2024 MO Data	2022 County Data
Approximate Sample Size	148	2811	290
<u>Demographics (% reflects "yes" answer)</u>			
Grade level. 6th Grade	14.5%	9.3%	10.9%
Grade level. 7th Grade	14.5%	25.4%	9.7%
Grade level. 8th Grade	13.9%	15.6%	6.7%
Grade level. 9th Grade	22.4%	10.2%	24.8%
Grade level. 10th Grade	13.9%	15.8%	15.2%
Grade level. 11th Grade	9.7%	17.2%	17.6%
Grade level. 12th Grade	10.9%	6.4%	15.2%
Male	53.7%	44.6%	53.9%
Hispanic or Latino	1.9%	13.7%	1.9%
Race: Black or African American	6.1%	16.8%	4.8%
Race: White	78.2%	62.7%	78.3%
Race: Other*	15.8%	6.7%	16.9%

*Multiracial, American Indian/ Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/PI, and other.

Note: Small sample sizes at the school level can make comparisons difficult. Take careful note of the demographic information listed above. Large differences in the sample, especially changes in the percent per grade, can influence the rest of the data in this report. This means differences may be a result of differing samples rather than an actual population differences.

Substances: Past 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)

Used tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	3.6%	2.2%	9.2%
Used electronic cigarettes	4.3%	9.1%	14.8%
Used hookahs or water pipes	1.9%	1.4%	2.5%
Used alcohol	9.8%	6.8%	20.1%
Used marijuana	1.8%	7.3%	9.9%
Used inhalants	0.6%	1.2%	0.6%
Used Rx not prescribed for you by a doctor	0.0%	1.6%	1.9%
Used `OTC` to get high	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%

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<u>Substances: Ever in your life (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Used synthetic drugs	4.9%	1.9%	0.6%
Used cocaine or `crack`	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
Used heroin or `smack`	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%
Used hallucinogens such as LSD, PCP, or magic mushrooms	1.2%	1.9%	3.1%
Used methamphetamine (meth, crank, crystal, ice)	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Used `club drugs` such as ecstasy	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
<u>Behavior: Last 30 Days (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Missed whole day(s) of school because you skipped or cut	38.0%	44.2%	33.5%
Did not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school	3.6%	10.8%	6.0%
Rode with someone who was drinking alcohol	12.2%	13.0%	20.9%
<u>Behavior: Last 3 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school	15.9%	18.1%	12.0%
Posted something online or sent a text that might embarrass or hurt another student	13.9%	17.0%	13.3%
Made fun of other people	39.6%	45.2%	45.2%
Hit, shoved or pushed another student and were not just fooling around	9.7%	13.4%	9.0%
<u>Behavior: Last 12 Months (% reflects "1+" answer)</u>			
Were in a physical fight	8.5%	15.0%	18.2%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property	7.9%	8.9%	4.2%
Seriously considered suicide	4.2%	11.2%	9.1%
Planned suicide	4.2%	7.8%	6.6%
Attempted suicide	4.3%	5.5%	6.1%
<u>Depression Scale (% often or always in Past Month)</u>			
Were very sad	13.5%	27.4%	25.3%
Were grouchy or irritable, or in a bad mood	22.4%	35.6%	34.3%
Felt hopeless about the future	6.2%	16.6%	10.3%
Felt like not eating or eating more than usual	18.4%	28.1%	22.6%
Felt like sleeping a lot more or a lot less than usual	23.9%	33.8%	28.5%
Had difficulty concentrating on school work	24.5%	37.8%	34.3%

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<u>Parents' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke tobacco	94.4%	95.9%	91.1%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	89.4%	96.0%	89.8%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana once or twice a week	96.2%	94.2%	89.7%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	97.4%	97.7%	98.1%
Parents feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	91.9%	93.9%	91.7%
<u>Friends' perception of wrongness (% reflects wrong + very wrong)</u>			
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke	88.6%	84.7%	80.5%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	80.6%	83.8%	72.6%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to smoke marijuana	90.9%	77.4%	77.3%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to you	92.7%	90.0%	92.6%
Friends feel it would be 'wrong' or 'very wrong' to vape	83.0%	75.6%	68.7%
<u>Friends' perception of coolness (% reflects pretty cool + very cool)</u>			
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked cigarettes	3.6%	7.6%	9.8%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they used e-cigs, mods, or vapes	6.1%	15.5%	18.2%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they drank alcohol	12.1%	15.2%	26.1%
Peers believe someone your age would be 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if they smoked marijuana	3.6%	17.3%	16.4%
<u>Resiliency (% agree + strongly agree)</u>			
Feels like they know where in the community to get help	76.1%	68.2%	76.4%
Feels optimistic about the future	71.8%	70.5%	73.9%
Feels they handle stress in a healthy way	56.7%	53.5%	62.0%
Feels they have adults in their life to turn to when things feel overwhelming	75.6%	72.2%	77.7%

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<u>Perception of Availability (% very easy + sort of easy)</u>			
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get cigarettes	26.8%	30.3%	38.4%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get e-cigarettes	27.3%	40.9%	41.5%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get alcohol	46.1%	39.9%	50.6%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get marijuana	11.6%	30.5%	25.0%
'Very' or 'sort of easy' to get Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	13.9%	16.9%	14.0%
<u>Perception of Harm (% reflects slight risk + no risk at all)</u>			
'No' or 'slight risk' if they used e-cigarettes	29.6%	27.8%	32.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes /day	20.2%	17.8%	11.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they drink alcohol (no dosage specified)	46.3%	37.3%	46.4%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	44.2%	24.8%	39.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they have 5+ drinks, once or twice a week	29.0%	18.5%	27.1%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week	21.3%	32.1%	34.3%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use any other illegal drugs or club drugs	16.4%	11.6%	8.5%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use synthetic drugs	20.7%	18.1%	17.2%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Cold/ Cough Medicines or OTC medicines to get high	25.0%	22.4%	22.0%
'No' or 'slight risk' if they use Rx drugs that have not been prescribed to them	17.0%	14.4%	10.3%

These reports contain select questions. For more information, see your full report. If you need assistance locating this report, contact Susan.Bradford@mimh.edu. State and county level data will be available at <http://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew> by September 2024.